

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 17, 2005

Senate Constitutional Amendment

No. 10

Introduced by Senator Runner

February 22, 2005

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 10—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 1 of Article IX thereof, relating to pupil education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 10, as amended, Runner. Education courses: preparation for employment

The California Constitution declares that a general diffusion of knowledge and intelligence is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people and requires the Legislature to encourage, by all suitable means, the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral, and agricultural improvement.

This measure would amend that provision to declare that a general diffusion of skills, knowledge, and intelligence is essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people. The measure would also require the Legislature to encourage the promotion of vocational improvement.

~~This measure would also declare that the purpose of education is to prepare pupils to become productive members of society and of the economy of the state. The measure would also state that it is important to ensure that all pupils have access to courses designed and conducted for the purpose of preparing youth for gainful employment in the occupations and in the numbers that are appropriate to the personnel needs of the state and the community served.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005–06 Regular
3 Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2004,
4 two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
5 proposes to the people of the State of California that the
6 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

7 That Section 1 of Article IX thereof is amended to read:

8 SECTION 1. (a) A general diffusion of *skills*, knowledge,
9 and intelligence being essential to the preservation of the rights
10 and liberties of the people, the Legislature shall encourage by all
11 suitable means the promotion of intellectual, scientific, moral,
12 *vocational*, and agricultural improvement.

13 ~~(b) The purpose of education is to prepare pupils to become~~
14 ~~productive members of society and of the economy of the State.~~
15 ~~Therefore, it is important to ensure that all pupils have access to~~
16 ~~courses designed and conducted for the purpose of preparing~~
17 ~~youth for gainful employment in the occupations and in the~~
18 ~~numbers that are appropriate to the personnel needs of the State~~
19 ~~and the community served.~~